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BEFORE THE POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

RETAIL ACCESS OPTIMIZATION INITIATIVE, 2011

Docket No. N2011-1

NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF AUGUST 11 TECHNICAL CONFERENCE REGARDING RETAIL FACILITY DATA SYSTEMS (August 8, 2011)

The United States Postal Service hereby gives notice of an informal, off-therecord technical conference regarding three data systems relevant to the execution of the Retail Access Optimization Initiative that are referenced or alluded to in materials filed in support of the Request, or that are the subject of interrogatories or information requests in this docket:

Facilities Date Base (PR/USPS-T1-1)

Small Office Variance Tool (USPS-T-1 at 15)

Change Suspension Discontinuance Center (USPS-T-1 at 18, POIR 1, Q 7).

Participating on behalf of the Postal Service will be managers and other personnel responsible for administering each database/tool who can provide an overview of system functionality and data content. It is anticipated that the technical conference will facilitate the ability of intervenors and the Commission's technical staff to more fully understand such matters as (a) the nature of each data systems or tool, (b) the data each contains, (c) the extent to which any are utilized to access information from other data systems, (d) how the three are relied upon by postal management in applying the USPS Handbook PO-101 review process, and (e) challenges in responding to requests for copies of each system or data they contain.

The technical conference will begin at 2pm on Thursday, August 11, at Postal Service Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC. The specific room number will be posted shortly. Intervenors or their representatives wishing to attend must provide advance notice to undersigned counsel via phone or email no later than 2pm Wednesday, August 10 of the names of individuals who plan to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

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